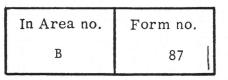
FORM B - BUILDING

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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	ess 2001 Mass.Ave.
	e Francis E. Ballard House
	ent use Rectory of St. Brigid's Church
7	ent owner_St. Brigid's Church
	iption:
	1893
	irce Lexington Minute Man, June 16, 1893
	Queen Anne
A	Queen Anne Hartwell + Richardson (:) Architect C.H. Meade, Builder
	Exterior wall fabric Aluminium siding
C	Outbuildings (describe)
C	Other features Composite roof - 3 chimneys
(2 ridge-central & side; both with ornament
b	rick patterns) (Over)
A	Altered porch removed Date ?
N	MovedDate
5. I	Lot size:
C	One acre or less Over one acre
A	approximate frontage 70'
A	approximate distance of building from street
_	25'
6. F	Recorded by Ruth Beebe
C	Organization
D	pate 9/16/75

7.	riginal owner (if known) Francis Ballard
	riginal use
	absequent uses (if any) and dates
8.	hemes (check as many as applicable)
	coriginal Conservation Recreation gricultural Education Religion rchitectural Exploration/ Science/ he Arts settlement invention commerce Industry Social/ communication Military humanitarian community development Political Transportation
9.	storical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)
	Details (cont): 1 chimney in rear-Front gable with 3 small, narrow windows - 2 front towers (1 hexagonal, 1 rounded) Front door off center (stick work on glass) -Double bay on left side (overhang, corner brackets over lower window in bay) - Bay on right - stone foundation stone foundation supports deck in front-Deck added in rear (cement block room underneath)
	Previously on ste - old Chas Robinson place - Sold to Francis Ballard by H.G. Worth in 1892.
	Minute-man Sept 2, 1892

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in the 1890s by Francis Edward Ballard. Formerly it had wrap-around porch and was considered one of the showplaces of Lexington until its mutilation by the owner, Merlin Ladd, about 1951 or 1952, at which time the porch was removed and vertical boarding installed on the bay. (Aluminum siding may have been installed at this time.)

The Ballard family came to Lexington in 1871 (see Hudson, Volume II, p. 20) and first lived in a house (now razed) that stood where the driveway into Lexington Gardens, 93 Hancock Street, now is. The family was very prominent in Lexington, various members being active in Scouting, Field and Garden Club, First Parish Church, and town affairs.

The contractor for the building was C.H. Meade of Boston (Lexington Minute Man, June 16, 1893). When constructed, the house was painted "an attractive combination of salmon tint and cream color" (Lexington Minute Man, October 6, 1893).

The building has some characteristics of a design by Hartwell and Richardson: polygonal and semicircular turrets with peaked roofs and a steep roof pitch. The architects had recently designed the Hancock School and the A.E. Scott mansion in town and perhaps the Ballards also sought their services.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984 Anne Grady, 1984